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1. MOST RECENT GOC FIGURES DATED DEC. 6 GEARED TO DATA
REF (A) PARA 2. FOLLOW: GREEK CYPRIOTS DISPLACED TO
SOUTH SINCE JULY NUMBER 180,716 OF WHICH 41,260 ARE
COMPLETELY SELF-SUPPORTING AT THIS TIME AND 139,456 ARE
CONSIDERED NEEDY AND PRESENTLY RECEIVING FOOD AND/OR MONEY
FOR SUBSISTENCE. PER CATEGORIES OF HOUSING: A) SATISFACTO-
RILY HOUSED: 102,572. B) LIVING IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS: 2,269
C) HOUSED IN PERMANENT STRUCTURES BUT OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS:
55,888. D) IN GARAGES AND UNFINISHED STRUCTURES: 7,558.
E) IN TENTS: 12,429. THOSE LIVING IN SCHOOLS ARE
COUNTED IN CATEGORY (B) ABOVE. ALL OTHER FIGURES IN
REF (A) REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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2. EMPHASIS ON PART OF GOC HAD BEEN TO RELY ON UNHCR

AND ICRC FUNDING PLANNING. INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE WILL HAVE PROVIDED BY END OF 1974 ALL NECESSARY TENTS, BLANKETS, COOKING UTENSILS, ETC. IN SPITE OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES, GOC OFFICE OF SPECIAL SERVICES FOR REFUGEES APPEARS TO BE THINKING IN MEDIUM TERM (6-12 MONTHS) TIME FRAME. THIS IS COMMENDABLE APPROACH IN VIEW OF FACT THAT NEITHER GOC NOR UN CAN TALK PUBLICLY IN TERMS OF REHABILITATION. ALL AID MUST STILL BE COUCHED IN TERMS OF RELIEF. A VERY LARGE PORTION OF THE UNHCR \$22 MILLION BUDGET ESTIMATE WAS FOR FOOD STUFFS. TO DATE MAJORITY OF FOOD AID SENT TO CYPRUS HAS BEEN OUTSIDE CONTEXT OF UNHCR OR ICRC APPEALS (I.S. MOST HAS BEEN VIA BILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS). RECENTLY, FOR INSTANCE, GOVERNMENT OF GREECE COMMENCED SENDING 2000 TONS OF PORK AND 350 TONS OF POULTRY FOR REFUGEES, VALUED AT \$3.25 MILLION. GOC FROM ITS SPECIAL BUDGET HAS SINCE SEPTEMBER DISBURSED FOLLOWING TO REFUGEES FOR LOCAL PURCHASE OF FOODS:

(A) SEPT. AND OCTOBER: \$540,000

(B) NOVEMBER: \$675,000

(C) DECEMBER: \$915,000 (INCLUDES SPECIAL CHRISTMASR

ALLOWANCES), NOT YET ALL DISBURSED TO DATE.

IN ADDITION, GOC HAS PASSED OUT IN FOOD AID APPROXIMATELY \$550,000 PER MONTH. ALL ABOVE FIGURES ARE BASED ON NEEDS OF 160,000 PERSONS. THOSE DISPLACED PERSONS ACTUALLY LIVING IN REFUGEE CAMPS RECEIVED A SLIGHTLY LARGER FOOD ALLOWANCE, (REFLECTED IN ABOVE FIGURES) THAN THOSE NOT LIVING IN TENTS.

3. THE COST OF THE ABOVE EXPENDITURES, IS, OF COURSE, A CONCERN TO THE GOC SPECIAL SERVICES. GOC HAS APPROACHED THE UNHCR REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP COVER THE MAJORITY OF THESE EXPENSES. UNHCR PRESENTLY CANNOT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE OF THIS MAGNITUDE AS MAJORITY OF FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER \$22 MILLION APPEAL HAS BEEN EXPENDED. TRICKLE OF ADDITIONAL DONATIONS TO UNHCR APPEAL IS ADDING ASSETS TO THE POT BUT NOT ENOUGH TO HELP GOC INTO 1975. UNHCR THINKING MORE IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTING FOOD-FOR-WORK PROGRAM THROUGH WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, SEE REF (D) PART IV. PARA. 3 AND 4.

4. UNHCR ASSISTANCE, IN ADDITION, MUST ALSO INCLUDE
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THE TURKISH CONTROLLED NORTH WHERE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE NOT OVERLY FAVORABLE AND WHERE 17-18,000 TURK CYPRIOTS ARE PRESENTLY RECEIVING FOOD AID. THIS NUMBER IS NOT LIKELY TO DIMINISH IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. EMBASSY POSITION REGARDING FUNDING NEEDS OF GOC SPECIAL SERVICES IS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS UNHCR ESTIMATES. UNHCR VIEW OF REQUIREMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN REF (D),

WHICH OUTLINES WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) ACTIVITIES IN 1975
REGARDING DISPLACED POPULATION. WFP PROPOSAL WOULD GO
LONG WAY TO HELP DEFRAY LARGE LOCAL COSTS OF DISPLACED
PERSONS PROGRAMS WHILE AT SAME TIME WOULD ENCOURAGE
REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES AND MODEST REHABILITATION
APPROACH. EMBASSY ALSO FEELS ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR
ICRC OPERATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN NEAR
FUTURE, SEE REF. (D) PARA. 3 AND 4, PART II.
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